

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 9, 17 and 20 are currently being amended. Applicants note that claim 20 has been amended to correct typographical errors and does not substantively narrow this claim in any way.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment and reply amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Objection to the Drawings:

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to because they do not include reference signs 28 and 70c mentioned in the specification. By way of this amendment and reply, the reference to label “28” on page 10, line 2 of the specification has been changed to “26”, and the reference to label “70c” on page 13, line 19 of the specification has been deleted.

In the Office Action, the drawings were also objected to because they allegedly included reference characters 701, 43 and 105 that were not mentioned in the specification. In response, please note that reference character “701” is described on page 11, line 5 of the specification. Also, by way of this amendment and reply, the reference to label “43” on page 12, line 7 of the specification has been deleted, and page 12, line 19 of the specification has been amended to replace “a motor” with “a motor 105”.

Still further, in the Office Action, the drawings were objected to because they allegedly do not show the “second operational section” (claims 5 and 13). Applicant respectfully traverses this objection. In particular, the “second operational section” recited in

claim 5 may correspond to “a liquid crystal display 14” as shown in Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings. In claim 13, the “second operational means” may correspond to “a liquid crystal display 14” as shown in Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings.

In the specification, on page 8, lines 2-8, the “second operational section” is described as “[a] user finger-touching the liquid crystal display 14 enables various settings of the conditions and the type of an image, and this panel works as a first operational section for specifying the size of the paper P and a second operational section for setting and resetting the ‘automatic setting mode of reference number of the paper.’”

Accordingly, based on the amendments made to the specification as described above, and based on the above arguments, all of the objections to the drawings have been overcome.

Objection to the Title:

In the Office Action, the title was objected to as not being descriptive. By way of this amendment and reply, a new, more descriptive title is being submitted.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph:

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite, for the reasons set forth on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action. By way of this amendment and reply, independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of those claims, and thus all of the presently pending claims are believed to fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. It is believed that the scope of claims 1, 9 and 17 has been unaffected as compared to originally filed claims 1, 9 and 17.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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